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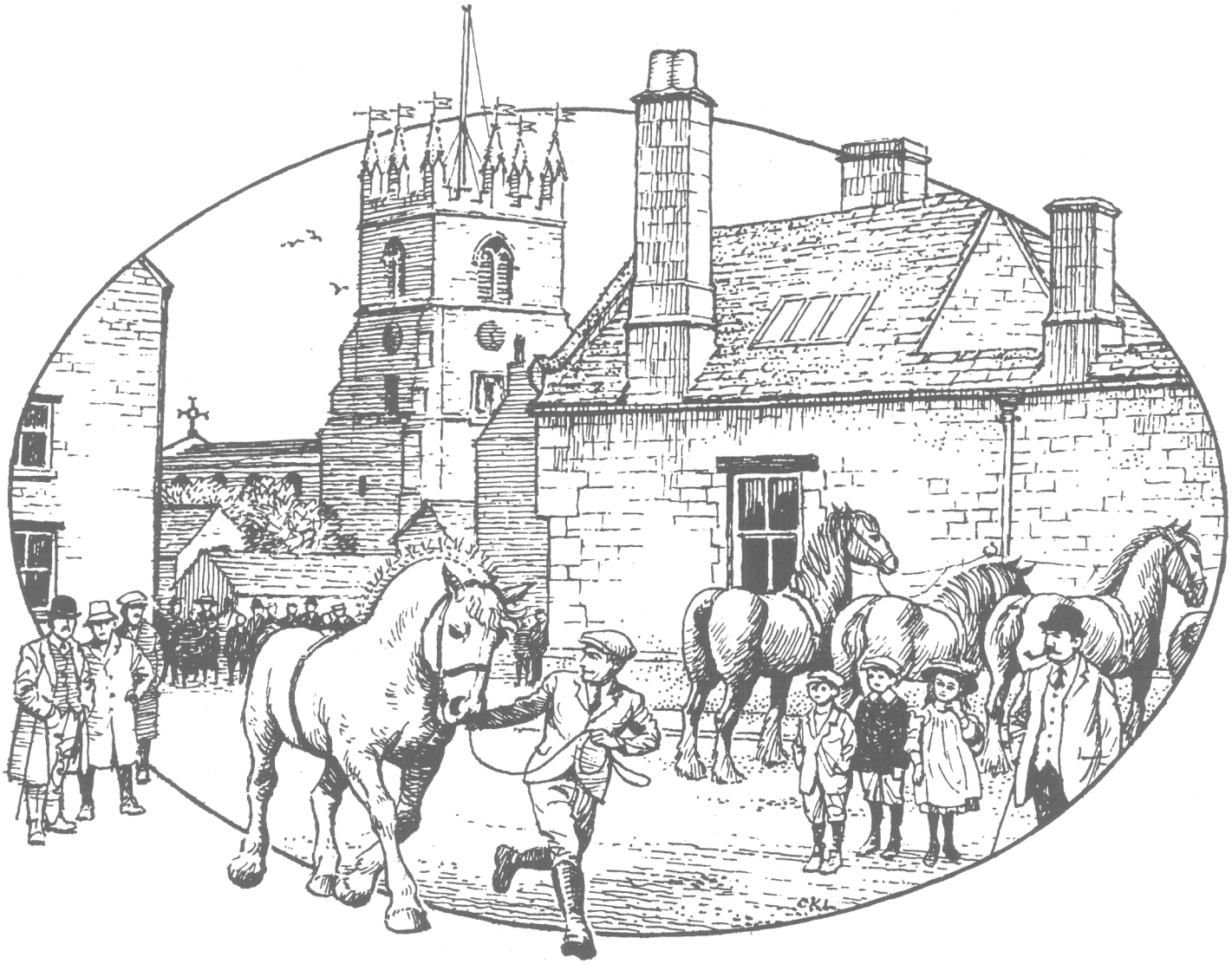

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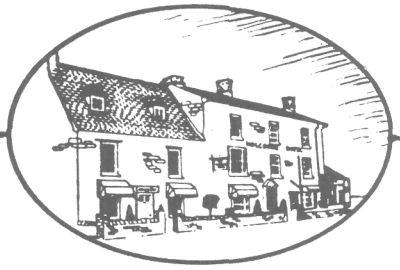

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EDITORIAL

A happy New Year to all our readers! We hope you like our splendid new cover, another of Ken Langstaff's designs, for which we are most grateful.

Today I am going to write about a Thank-you and a Please. I don't suppose that those of you who are not involved in getting this magazine together quite know how it all works. You do know that the people listed above this and a lot more, give many hours of their time each month for the Deddington News, but perhaps you do not know how we are financed. We have raised money by the occasional coffee morning and Fete, and had some generous gifts, but the only assured annual income we have is the revenue we get from our advertisements (and about half of what they bring in is spent on printing them). We are fully aware that some of our advertisers continue to support us largely as a gesture of goodwill; our circulation is limited to the village and their businesses will not benefit beyond our local readership, so we are especially grateful to them for keeping us afloat and making it possible for us to carry on. Many thanks to all of you who have loyally supported us all these years.

None the less, our expenses have in recent times outstripped our income; we cannot keep going by these means alone. For one thing we have had to spend £200 on a Duplicator. I am therefore going to put forward a plan which was suggested to me: we shall, of course, continue to distribute the News free to every house in the parish (and if you are left out please do get in touch with Sonia Templeman, who organises this,) but I am sure there must be quite a number of individual readers who would be prepared to give us an annual sum of money, say £5 or £10 quite voluntarily. There is no pressure whatever to do this, but it would be wonderful if we could be assured of a regular income at the beginning of each year to enable us to plan ahead in line with what we have and what we need. Will you please consider this ? If you think you could afford to help us, and would like to in this way, would you please send your cheque (or money) to me, cheques made out to Deddington News, please. At the same time I have sent a letter to those of our regular contributors who write for Clubs and Societies asking if they would be prepared to help us annually on the same basis. We will remind you in each January edition that we would like your contribution again.

Finally I would like to record my sincere thanks to the Parish Council who have expressed their willingness to help us. One more thing; we think that our readers would be interested in a "Personal Column" and we are offering to print free of charge announcements of births, deaths, marriages, engagements and anniversaries. Please let me have them in time for each copy date.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

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FEBRUARY DIARY

7 Mothers Union
9 British Legion "Flashback"
12 W.I.meeting 7.30 p.m.
15 Skittles Evening - Warriner
16 British Legion "Memphis"
19 COPY DATE FOR DEDDINGTON NEWS
26 Tennis Club A.G.M. Holly Tree Club 7.45 p.m.
March 2nd ISSUE DATE

VALENTINES MESSAGES

To Geoff

All my love to a very special Valentine
from your very own Grumpy

Daddums

My Valentine always, with much love
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To M.D.

So beautiful and lovely in every way
I love you this and every day.
A.D.

STOP PRESS

The Parish Council has decided to donate £100 to the Deddington News. This is half the cost of the new Duplicator we have had to buy and we are most grateful to them. Their unanimous vote for this has reassured us that they consider the magazine is a worth while venture for the village. We must now build up a fund for future repairs and running costs. We shall publish the full PC report of this meeting in the next issue.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER 28th 1984

Mrs Mary Robinson in the Chair. Minutes of previous meeting approved and signed.

Matters arising Town Hall decoration. These are proceeding according to plan.

Play Group Warning signs Letter from the County Council that as there is a 30 mph speed limit on that part of the Hempton Road, there is no need for signs. In the meantime the owner of the Windmill Stores has been approached and the obstructing signs on the road have been moved back. There is some question as to where the exact boundary of the Highway is. The problem with the traffic persists but is in fact only a short time problem; when the new Windmill Centre is built there will be plenty of parking space and good access, and no need for parking on the road.

Tree Planting This was done on November 10th under the direction of Mr Scott. A letter of thanks is to be sent to him.

Deddington Hill A very unsatisfactory reply had been received from the Highways Department, insisting that the marking out of the road on this very dangerous hill conformed with the rules laid down by the Ministry of Transport. This does not explain, according to some Councillors, why the markings on the south side of Deddington on the same sort of road(with three lanes) is marked out with double white lines, which makes traffic much safer. The PC is determined to persist with their request to improve this road and prevent the many accidents, and they are prepared to go to the local Member of Parliament with this matter.

Clifton Road Work on this road is considered "Low priority" and no action on it can be contemplated for the present.
A question was asked when the promised repair to the pavements in the village would be done. Mr Woodall of the CC promised this to be done this year.

Correspondence A request for holding a Jumble Sale under the Town Hall on Saturday December 1st was approved (in aid of Ethiopia).

Oxforfshire Playing Fields Association Asked for contributions. £5 was suggested, but there being no seconder, the request was turned down.

Allotments There was still some rent outstanding for 5. The Clerk reported that there are 2 half plots vacant.

Windmill Community Centre Planning permission has now been received for the Centre, but not yet for the proposed houses.

Deddington News A request for financial help from the News was widely discussed. The new Editor, Mrs Elsley, was allowed to speak and answer questions. Various suggestions were made for rising funds and will be tried. The main problem is finding money for the purchase of a new duplicator and the PC have very generously undertaken to consider ways of helping with this.

Planning Deddington Roof Felting - building in The Grove - application withdrawn

Chapmans Lane Dwelling in the grounds of The Cottage - no objection.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER 28th (Continued)

Solar Designs, Clifton Permission for temporary building behind existing buildings. No objections.

Deddington Primary School Permission for use of Caravan on school site - no objection.

Accounts

Paints etc. for Town Hall -Hoods	27. 92
Chubb Fire	112. 91
Allotments. Lane Fox	42. 73
Nicolsons Nurseries (Trees)	101. 15
Robbs Garden Services	37. 95
John Scott (for stakes)	12. 42
Southern Electricity Board	546. 16

MARIANNE S ELSLEY

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - DECEMBER 19th 1984

Mrs Mary Robinson was in the Chair. Minutes of November meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising Arising out of the discussion about "Blott on the Landscape", the damaged edges of the Green will be attended to after Christmas. The footpath near the Windmill Centre will be repaired in the next financial year. The rest of the proposed repairs to footpaths in the village will be started when the Gas Board have finished relaying pipes.

Deddington Hill The local MP has been approached about the dangers of this stretch of road (the CC having refused to act). Mr Baldry has written to say that he will take up the matter on our behalf.

Name Plates The site for new name plates for the Tchure is to be on the Market Place end near Hayeard's store.

Correspondence Letter inviting Deddington to take part in the "Young Villagers" Competition organised by the County. Free plastic sacks would be supplied and Councillors thought 50 should be asked for. This was a matter for the young of the village and Mr Rampley and the School should be approached for participation.

Letter from Mrs Jean Perree(Clifton) She and other residents opposite the Poultry Factory are having their drives and lawns damaged by lorries turning into the Hatchery. The road was badly damaged and car exhausts were suffering. The CC is to be asked to repair road and give advice. PC to write to Mrs Peree giving her full support.

Playgroup is asking the PC to support their request for a grant from the Cherwell Lottery to help them repair the hut they use for their meetings. The roof needs attention, amongst other things. The hut is rented at £100 Pa from the CC. The PC hoped that this was a temporary measure and that in time the Playgroup might use the new Windmill Centre. In the meantime they support the application.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - DECEMBER 19th (continued).....

DEDDINGTON NEWS Further discussion about allowing the News a grant, but matter referred to next meeting.

Town Hall The gas meter in the Town Hall had been broken but no money was taken. The gas board have now installed a new meter which will be read quarterly.

Bus Tokens The PC was asked if there was any need for bus tokens. At the last mention of this, no one had asked for tokens, but if there was a need, the PC would certainly consider the matter.

Letter from Mr Berridge and others expressing concern at the increase of very heavy traffic on the B4031 through the village and through the narrow part of Hempton. Traffic had increased noticeably both in weight and volume and the noise and danger in Chapel Square was becoming intolerable. There was danger from vibration to buildings and to the bridges over the Canal and the river at Aynho. A Weight Restriction was asked for. This problem has come before the PC many times and the CC has been asked to consider re-routing of heavy lorries via Adderbury. The CC had given the matter a "low priority" label before, but it was decided to ask again and apply for a weight restriction order.

Insurance The Insurers of the Town Hall have suggested raising the present cover, both for the building and the Street Lights. This will be decided after consultation with the EMB. Also to consider the cover for public liability.

Windmill Centre The lease agreement was at hand. There will be a holding Management Committee to deal with the day-to-day affairs of the Centre. To explain all this an open meeting is to be held at the Town Hall on January 2nd at 7.30 pm.
Mrs Robinson signed the contract for purchase of a piece of land adjoining the Centre. This is being bought from Brian and Janet Pond.
Work on the Centre is to start in January and completion is expected in the Autumn. The District Valuer has estimated the rent to be expected at £20,000 pa, but this is worked out from the value of the property and the Management committee would use their discretion when fixing hire charges.

Christmas Tree The PC expressed their thanks on behalf of all the village to Mrs Sample, who donates the annual Christmas Tree, which stands in the Market Square. She has generously done this for many years.

MARIANNE S ELSLEY

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you everyone who bought Deddington Christmas Cards last month. £71 profit went to the Windmill Centre funds.

Special thanks to Philip Allan Publishers for the typesetting and Ken Garrett & Sons for handling the sale.

MARY ROBINSON

CHURCH NEWS

CONFIRMATION I have the names of some candidates for confirmation this summer. If parents, grandparents or ~~godparents will please~~ tell their charges of this, I shall be glad to start classes soon. I shall also be glad to hear of adults wishing to ~~be confirmed.~~

HOLY BAPTISM

25th November Debbie Julia Taylor

16th December Claire Marie, daughter of Paul and Janice (nee Cox) Silver

23rd December Richard George, son of Richard and Sally Ross

Matthew George, son of Horace and Linda Walker

OBITUARY

Albert Thomas Evans died on 2 December at home at the age of 92, the day after his Golden Wedding Day. He had been a Stud Groom and kept to the end his fresh complexion, twinkling eyes and outdoor interests. He was a valued member of the Bowls Club and the Holly Tree Club, who were well represented with friends and neighbours at Oxford Crematorium.

Maurice Renwick died on 14 December at St. Luke's Nursing Home, Oxford at the age of 89. By profession a Company Secretary, he was a natural choice for running or helping to run any voluntary group. So, on retiring here some 25 years ago, he soon became Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council, churchwarden, Correspondent of the School Governors and Treasurer of the Holly Tree Club, and was more than methodical in these and other services to our community. He was invaluable for his command of whatever he set his mind to, his ease of manner and his warmth of heart. Canon Palmer assisted at the Memorial Service here just before Christmas, for which the bells were rung, half muffled, and the choir turned out in strength, for us all to give thanks for the life of a great servant of the community and Church here.

Leslie Perry died very suddenly at the age of 50 two days before Christmas, shortly after returning home from a football match. The eldest of six children, he had lived here most of his life. After military service with the Horse Guards, he worked first for Bibbys and latterly for AP. His particular interest was football, and when he gave up playing he continued to encourage youth sides.

To those bereaved we offer our sympathy, to Hilda and Raymond Evans, to Gar Renwick, to Lee Perry, Simon and Marcus and Mrs Perry, senior, with their friends.

DEDDINGTON SCHOOL

The Governors have appointed Mr John W Morgan as Head Teacher with effect from April 1985.

RICHARD HANNAH

MOTHERS UNION

The Mothers Union will meet on Thursday 7 February at the Vicarage. Mrs Heather Leonard, a Social Worker, will talk to us on the effects of a marriage break-up on the family and what help can be given. Anyone, other than members, who would like to come will be very welcome.

In view of the Primary School day now ending at 3 pm, we are

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MOTHERS UNION continued..

going to experiment with a morning meeting from March onwards. It will start at 10.30 am and end about 12 noon. This will mean that those mothers who have to meet their children from school will not have to leave the meeting halfway through.

PAT HANNAH

MEMORY LANE

Charlie Fuller had a farm,
A pleasant chap, do you no harm.
Round Back Lane he had a pond
Where I caught newts of which I'm fond.

Norman Coles, who we called Lammie,
Had a dog whose name was Sammy.
With a windmill and sheep dip,
And farmed Tomwell up by the tip.

Putlins land was up the Grove
Over Plunden Lane he strove.
Monarch was his cart horse's name;
Cut his leg and then went lame.

Jackie Pletsoe he could ride!
Many a fence took in his stride:
Judging horse and brood mare class
Not a fault by him would pass.

Now we come to Mrs Hore
Sold the milk at her front door.
She would tell you all the news
And other people's points of views.

Charlie Bliss a stoutish man
Sold his milk from a tin can,
Put his pace he did not hurry,
And his face it bore no worry.

Maurice French his land spread wide
Down the main road on each side,
On the Clifton road as well,
Where it ended I cannot tell.

Callows for coal: his name was Jack,
Delivered house coal in a sack.
His lorries they were always brown
But only sold to half the town.

Deeley for coal: his name was Fred,
Cut his wood up in a shed,
At Aynho station could be seen
Loading his lorry painted green.

Yerbury the sweep with brushes and bag
Went on his rounds with trap and a nag.
Father and son they looked just the same.
Hope you've enjoyed Down Memory Lane.

DON WALKER

BEDDINGTON W.I.

DECEMBER - The December meeting was, as usual, the occasion for our annual Christmas party. This year our supper was organised by Joy Webb, and we all enjoyed her splendid catering. The cold buffet was varied and good. We then had some party games devised by Marie Smith & Vivian Bryant, the sort of games suitable for middle aged (and young) ladies, after a big supper. The evening was rounded off with singing. Mrs. Caporn played the piano for us and we sang our favourite carols. Our thanks to all those who helped to organise the evening and make it a happy occasion.
We did, sadly, have to start the evening on a sombre note. It was the first time we had all been together since Freda Powell passed away, and we felt that in spite of the festive atmosphere it was right to remember her and say a few words about her. She is a member who will be much missed and our Institute is the poorer for her loss

JANUARY - With the January meeting came the beginning of the cold spell. In spite of the dreadful weather most members trudged along through the snow and the hall soon warmed up. The cold water pipes were frozen and we were in danger of getting no tea, but kettle-fulls were borrowed, one at a time, and we managed. Ian Swash, the local Osteopath, gave us a very informative talk on his profession and related branches of alternative medicine. We saw a fascinating electrical machine for finding acupuncture points and another for giving electrical stimuli to muscles. Osteopathy is being given its rightful place in medicine at last; many qualified Doctors now take a course in it. Mr. Swash answered a number of questions and we thank him for giving his time so generously.
To round up the evening we had a post-Christmas mini-auction which isalways such good fun and a useful sum was raised for our funds. Our thanks to everyone who gave and bought.
Two more members joined us formally at this meeting, swelling our ranks to 40. It has been good to see our membership grow so well lately, but this has brought us a problem. The HTC really limits the size of our meetings and the committee have discussed the difficulty, and we shall soon have to decide to close our books for new members. There will be a waiting list, as is common with a number of Institutes.

Our next meeting will be on 12th Feb. It will take the form of a members evening, with our own slides. Mrs. Reynolds has undertaken to organise this, so if you have any slides you would like us to see, please let her have them in good time.

M.B.E.

W.I. Recipe of the Month

This recipe was provided by Mrs. Perree of Clifton.

Clifton Chocolate Cream Surprise (a pudding)

You need:-
½ pt. double and ½ pt. single cream, beaten until thick
4 ozs fresh white breadcrumbs
4 ozs Demarara sugar
3 level teasp. cocoa
1 level teasp. instant coffee (crush the granules)
a "slurp" of Sherry or similar

Mix all except the cream. Alternate layers of mixture and cream in a dish, top with cream and decorate with grated chocolate. Leave in fridge for at least 4 hours before serving.

DEDDINGTON LADIES

As usual our Christmas parties were very much enjoyed. We started by going to Hopcrofts Holt on 30th Nov. We had a few complaints to make about the actual service and meal here but we had a dance afterwards and made it a very enjoyable get to-gether.
The day after was the Senior Citizens' party. This was again a great success. We had about 50 guests, who assured us they'd all had a good time, even better than last year some said. Once again we had Les Bathe to entertain us by playing lots of the old songs and a few not so old ones so that we could all have a good old singalong.
Deddington Cricket Club kindly donated £20.00 towards the party which was very much appreciated.
On 5th Dec. members and friends had their annual night out at the "Evenlode" at Eynsham. As usual this was enjoyed by all present. Lots to eat (and drink) plenty of laughs and a very noisy sing song on the way home. What more could we ask?! A good night to finish Deddington Ladies year with.
We had our A.G.M. as our meeting for January. The committee stays as last year and we plan to have our usual fete and bazaar. Also we hope to have, sometime in the Spring - the date has yet to be fixed - some stalls in the Market Place, proabably a cake and nearly new stall. We will announce the details later on.
The old faithfuls turn up trumps everytime we hold something, so our grateful thanks to them and to everyone who has supported us and given donations in 1984.
Thank you and a Happy New Year to you all.

JACKIE ALKINS

HOLLY TREE CLUB

When our Club re-opened after the Christmas break on 9th January, the decidedly wintry weather kept down attendances, but the few members that were able to come enjoyed a chat and talked over the Christmas festivities, and a good time was had by all.
The meeting was rather overshadowed, however, owing to the deaths of two of our older members; Mr. A. Evans having died on 2nd Dec. and Mr. H. Renwick on 21st Dec. They will both be greatly missed and as Mr. Renwick held the position of Treasurer to the Club the task of following his excellent stewardship will not be an easy one, but knowing his dry sense of humour and his willing and helpful actions to us all he would have been the first to say Good Luck and have a jolly good try to beat me! May they both be at Peace and our sincere sympathy is extended to both their widows and families.

We also must welcome two new members who have recently come to live in Deddington, namely Mr. & Mrs. Jim Russell. We hope they will both enjoy living among us and will remain happy and active members of the Club for many years; it is also hoped that a few more residents will join us on our Wednesday afternoon meetings. They will be made welcome and received cordially by us all.

PEGGY BUSBY

HILDA EVANS AND FAMILY wish to thank all friends and neighbours for expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Also for donations received for the Holly Tree Club.

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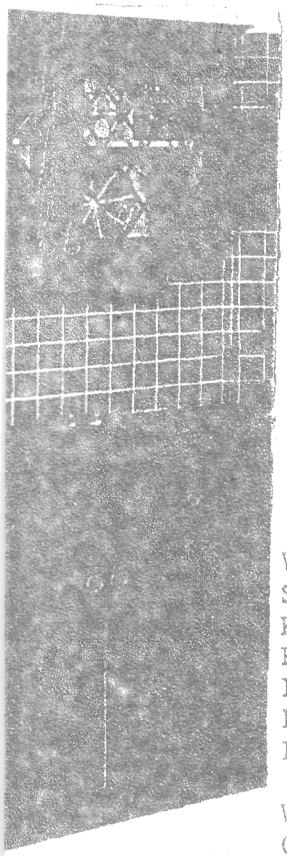

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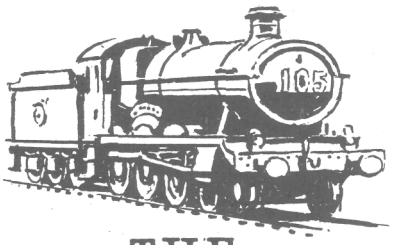

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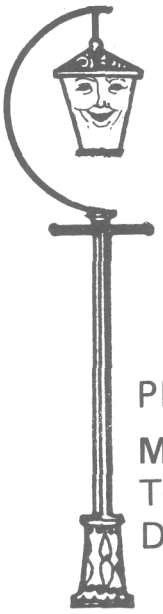

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THE WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Windmill Committee are pleased to announce that, after more than three years of negotiation and planning, construction of the new building will start within the next few days.

Access will be maintained to the existing building until the new building is taken over.

Funds are already available for some of the building finishes, but more will need to be raised to meet the costs of completing the internal work and providing an adequate access road and car park.

For more information, please contact any member of the Committee, who are:-

Richard Broadbent - Chairman, Joyce Minnear - Secretary, Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie - Treasurer, Jill Cheeseman, Brian Clarke Brian Ellis, Robert Forsyth, Mike Haskery, Jane Rose, Cliff Smith, Harry Smith, John Stiff and Alec Woodward.

CHURCH CHOIR

Our candle-lit Christmas carol service is always an especially enjoyable occasion for the choir. Among the carols this year were "People, look East", "Myn Lyking" and John Rutter's "Nativity Carol" as well as two new descants by Philip Ledger. We welcomed a visiting organist, Peter Fairhurst, and also enjoyed hearing three carol tunes for recorders, played by pupils from Deddington Primary School uner the direction of John Morgan.

A week later, the choir took part in the carol service at Upper Heyford church, after which a buffet supper was provided at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Allen. Our Christmas celebrations also included a carol evening with the W.I. in Barford St. Michael and an enjoyable if damp, evening of carolling in Deddington, during which very welcome seasonal refreshments were provided by Mrs. Allen & Mrs. Ward.

The adults of the choir enjoyed a New Year supper and informal meeting at the Vicarage. Reflecting on a year of development and increased commitment, we outlined our musical plans for the next few months.

We started the New Year on a lively note with "The Stargazers", a set of short song and readings by Roger Jones, telling of the visit by the Wise Men to Jesus. This was sung during the Holy Eucharist service on Epiphany Sunday. Our thanks to Hazel Hall (narration), John Morgan (piano), Stella Harmion (chromaharp), Jonathan Brecknell (clarinet) and Matthew Webber (drums). Tape recordings of both the carol service and "The Stargazers" are available.

Lastly, congratulations to three of our younger members who have recently passed instrumental examinations: Lucy Mulkers (Grade 4 flute), Paula Davies (Grade 3 flute) and Jonathan Brecknell (Grade 5 piano). Well done!

GLYN DAVIES

MRS. MARY TYRELL would like to thank all friends, neighbours and villagers of Clifton for their kindness to her during her stay in hospital, (due to her accident). Also thanks to those responsible formaking the lovely cake. Many thanks to all concerned.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Don Walker on his realistic verses in Deddington News (Dec. issue). I never knew we had such talent and would like to read more.

Sincerely,
A.B. Sanders
61 St. Johns Way, Hempton.

(Pleased to oblige - Editor)

Dear Editor,

Now that Christmas has come and gone and has passed into the record book, I would like to pay my own tribute to Deddington Ladies, who organised a wonderful party a few days before Christmas. It was, of course, attended by Mr. & Mrs. Lines with the Holly Tree Club members and a number of others to swell the gathering.

It started off with a highly commendable Festive Dinner followed by some lively and popular tunes when the ladies showed their clever footwork to the delight of the crowd, and carols were enjoyed. We all left with gifts of confectionery, concluding a highly successful party for which all who contributed should be highly praised.

I take this opportunity of thanking my many friends during the twelve years I have been in the neighbourhood for their kindness and patience. With just seven years to go for my century I hope for a few more years to run my course.

N. BOTHAMS.

NATURE NOTES

The middle of January was winter indeed and we all had to make an effort to feed the birds and keep their water from freezing. I find rolled oats very acceptable to most birds, and it can be scattered widely so as to cater for the more aggresive feeders such as the starlings. But some birds are insectivorous, and this must be borne in mind when feeding them. They will benefit from grated suet and cheese. Old rotting apples and currants appeal to blackbirds and thrushes with peanuts for the tits - but NEVER salted peanuts. Remember the humble dunnocks and wrens and other ground feeders and scatter food on the ground as well as on the bird table. Water is very important, not so much for drinking as for bathing. Birds must bathe even in the frostiest weather to keep their feathers in good condition to insulate their bodies from the cold.

In Cherwell valley the whooper swans have arrived from the Artic Circle and Russia. They will be about for a few months. These swans differ from our resident mute swan by having a straight neck and a good deal of yellow on the bill. There are a great number of golden plover flocking with the lapwing in the meadows. This plover is a moorland bird which breeds in Scotland and the Pennines but comes south every winter for a better chance of food.

Soon, when the floods come to the water meadows, there will be many more moorland waders and duck arriving. This valley is a very important area for winter birds, which are well worth watching from the canal towpath.

PAT. HANNAH

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup has a new Committee for 1984/85 and we are all working very hard to raise money for building repair funds.

To add to our fund-raising Edric Larder completed the Coventry Marathon in a time of 3 hours 29 minutes and with sponsorship raised £30. Well done, Edric, and many thanks from all at playgroup.

We had a Fancy Dress Party for the children in November. The standard of entrants was remarkably high and first prize went to Martin Bliss as Worzel Gummidge. Judging was kindly carried out by our old playgroup leader, Rose Powell. The children had a lovely time and funds of £15 were raised.

Our Christmas Bazaar was held on Saturday 8th December at the Playgroup Hut. There were many interesting stalls and a special visit was made by Father Christmas. Very many thanks to all who supported our Bazaar, especially to those local people listed below who gave so generously :
Heather & Michael Ackland; Clive Saunders; Archway Garage; Holcombe Hotel; G.W.A. Varney; Sylvia Cannell; Mr. Lambidge; Haywards; Benfield's Garage; Steve Miller Hair Workshop; J.P.Antiques; Mrs. Frost (Health Centre); Andy Clarke and Elm Farm Dairies. Lawrence Anthony Hair Care; Trinder Toys; Music Market; Classic Cinema., Chapman's, Marks & Spencer, MacDonald's and Alcan Ltd., all of Banbury. Sainsbury's, Playhouse Theatre and Norman Drake of Blackwells, Oxford.

We raised £330 at the Bazaar and this has enabled us to forge ahead with building repair work which will cost in the region of £1000 this year.

Lastly, everyone enjoyed themselves at the Christmas party. The entertainment was provided by a magician and yet another visit was made by Father Christmas.

Is there anyone in the village who would care to help for a morning at playgroup? If you have hours to spare and like to help out the children, please phone Dee Hailey on Deddington 38942.

Also, Mums, we have a few spare places at Playgroup, so if your child is 3 years old or coming up to 3 years then please contact Linda Townsend (Bookings Secretary) on Deddington 38824.

We are looking forward to a happy and busy 1985 when we hope to complete the building repair work so, watch this space for forthcoming events !

JACKIE LARDER. Playgroup Secretary

TODDLER GROUP (Only to be read by persons under 5)

Dear Toddlers,

Try to remember to tell your Mums that the Toddler Group has had to change it's time of opening because the school day finishes half an hour earlier. It is now from 1.45 p.m. to 3 p.m. on a Wednesday in the School Hall.

If you have never been to 'toddlers' do try to persuade your Mum (Dad, granny, grandpa, nanny, childminder, etc) to bring you along. It provides a great opportunity for you to meet other young children, to play and have a whale of a time for an hour or so. It will also give your Mum (etc) a chance to meet others in a similar situation and, perhaps, realise you're really quite lovely after all. Throw a quick tantrum if the answer is 'No' and then, we hope, we will see you next week!

Regards from

DIANE CHATTERTON (Dedd.38538)

DEDDINGTON BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 1984

The officers and committee of the Deddington Branch would like to thank all organisations who joined in the parade and service on Remembrance Sunday, and congratulate them all on a very smart turn-out. The parade was led for the first time by the Band of the Banbury Boy Scouts - they have been booked to attend for the parade and service in 1985.

FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON

This Branch was honoured to have the standard bearer Mr. M. Westbury representing Deddington & District. It is over 25 years since this Branch has had the honour. Our congratulations to Mr.M.Westbury.

J. BELL Hon.Branch Secretary.

POPPY APPEAL 1984

The results of the local District Poppy Appeal is as follows :

House to house collection	£434.34
Poppy Wreaths	80.00
Deddington Royal British Legion Club Donation	80.00
Poppy Day Draw	20.20
Church collection	95.58
Grand Total :	£710.12

Special thanks to the Poppy Collectors and all who had Poppy Trays on display within their premises. This is an increase of £60 on last year so a very big THANK YOU to all who gave generously.

N.D.WEST Poppy Day Organiser.

DEDDINGTON BRANCH - SERVICE WORK

I am pleased to report that during the year 1984, 29 ex Service men and Widows received coal and grocery cheques to the value of £40 each. I will be pleased to help any Ex-Service men or Ex-Service man's widow in the district who are in need of help. PLEASE LET ME KNOW !

A.T.LEWIS Service Secretary.

DEDDINGTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB - ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday	9th February	FLASHBACK
Saturday	16th February	MEMPHIS
Saturday	9th March	J.J.SOUNDS

Admission : Members £1.25 Visitors £1.75 Children 75p

A.P. HUMPHRIES.

AGE CONCERN

WANTED a Volunteer Helper to drive a Leyland Minibus (Age Concern Van) once a month on a Monday from 10 o'clock to 3 o'clock.

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J U N I O R D E D D I N G T O N

I'm sure you won't be surprised to find that our theme this month is SNOW - and JULIE WARD shares her thoughts with us following a "Walk in the Snow" :

In the snow, it felt like a crunchy carpet but it looked like cotton wool. If we had no snow we could not have snowball fights or make snowmen, ski or go sledging. I thought the snow on the roofs looked like a ski-slope, and when you came to the end of the roof you would have to do a ski jump to land on the ground.

When I looked up through the flakes they looked grey against the sky and when I caught the flakes they melted quickly in my warm hand; they felt like candyfloss or ice-cream. Sometimes snow looks like a big blanket.

SNOW certainly gives a lot of pleasure, especially to children - but LUCY LADBROOK reminds us that winter weather can be cruel :

The wind is cruel, bitter cold,
The tree a silhouette,
The silver frost sparkling.
The snow falls steadily,
Each flake an individual shape,
So cold, so cruel.
The pond freezes over,
The ducks flee,
Their home has gone.
Birds seek food.
The winter brings hardship to many people,
It's a cruel winter.

It certainly is a cruel time for many people - but without SNOW this gentleman just couldn't exist !

I've got a nice cold at the moment !
Good, I'm getting fatter all the time,
Thanks to those children.
Great ! night-time,
That means I won't melt for a while.
The sun can't melt me, but the slush can.
Oh no ! it's raining - I'm meltingggg!
Bye-ee-ee-ee.....

MATTHEW TOWNSEND was putting himself in the snowman's boots. Another person who must be quite used to the sight of snow is the Eskimo, and we have WILLIAM VARNEY to thank for this poem :

Every time it is cold
So I think of Eskimo,
Killing seals for his dinner.
It is very hard if you're an Eskimo
Merrily flying kites, and sitting
On your sledge.

Finally from CLAIRE SCOTT comes this positive statement 'I like Snow' :

I think snow is cold

Like ice,
I think snow is nice
Krispy too and soft,
Every day I go out.

Some one is calling me to play
Now I will put my gloves on;
Oh dear, I've fallen over.
What a shame it is time for tea !

Now, how about seeing if you can find these words in our "Snow-word puzzle". You can move vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

SNOW
ICE
FLAKE
SNOWMAN
SLEDGE
SKI
IGLOO
SNOWBALL
COLD

S	P	S	N	O	W	M	A	N
T	N	P	[illegible]	T	V	S	V	A
S	N	O	W	B	A	L	L	I
V	A	R	W	[illegible]	R	E	V	C
W	N	P	C	O	L	D	S	E
L	F	L	A	K	E	G	K	R
M	I	G	L	O	O	E	I	X

SONIA TEMPLEMAN

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Now that we are well and truly settled in for the Spring Term, we are in the process of preparing for a concert, involving all the schools in the Warriner Sector, to be held at Bloxham College, on Friday evening, February 15th. Regrettably, owing to severe lack of space, we are not able to invite many people to come to this concert. However, we will perform all the music again at our end-of-term concert, and will make this open to all parents and friends who would like to come.

Having unfortunately missed the December issue, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who helped us to raise so much money for the Save the Children Fund and Oxfam. The final total was £489, which is a really magnificent amount. Much of this was due to the fund-raising by the "swimming" girls, Hester Ward, Louise Weatherhead and Lucy Ladbrook, and the 'jumble sale' children - Jonathan Shaw, Christopher Brock, John Dyett, Kerry Shaw, David Service and Alan Healey.

JOHN MORGAN

WARRINER SCHOOL

There will be a Skittles Evening at Milcombe on February 15th and a Family Skating Outing at the Oxford Ice Rink on March 15th. More details of both events later

BUS TOKENS

At the January meeting of the Parish Council the matter of Bus Tokens for OAPs was raised in response to a letter from Mrs. Caporn. The PC have discussed this before and at that time it was felt that there was not sufficient demand in the village. Since then the onus of paying for such tokens has fallen on Parish Councils entirely, and funds for the present financial year have by now been allocated. The PC is prepared to reconsider the matter if there is much demand. Senior Citizens who feel strongly about having financial help with bus transport are advised to write a letter to the Deddington News to make their views known.

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

We had a very successfulend of term with lots of Guides gaining badges; these included Home-maker, Childcare, Accident prevention and Hostess. A 2nd patrol have also gained their Patrol Purpose Patch, so well done everyone !

We finished the term with a party as a reward for all the hard work. Mrs. Jean Ward was our special guest, who had to work hard during the first part of the evening testing the Orchid Patrol for their Patch.

The evening was concluded on a most peaceful note when we all sang the Christingle carol by candlelight.

The Guides certainly didn't stop being busy through the Christmas break. About three quarters of the company attended the Church Carol Service. Some played recorders with the school, some helped light and blow out candles, some sang in the choir and Sarah Maskery read a lesson beautifully. Natasha Butlin, Emma Holmes and Sally Stiff did a marvellous job acting as sidesmen and taking the collection. They had no rehearsal, but along with the Scouts and Cubs they were very smart and took their responsibility very seriously. Well done.

Three Guides and a Scout helped with the Rainbow Club (handicapped children's playscheme) in Banbury during the holidays. Hazel Rampley, Emma Holmes and Sarah Maskery worked very hard but thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Emma and Sarah had only been listed to help for one day as it was their first time, but asked to go back a second day! The supervisor was very pleased with their efforts.

So far this term we have had two meetings. In that time we have had 7 new recruits ! This has given us an opportunity to restart a 5th patrol and after a re-shuffle we have some new leaders. New P.L.'s Marianne Dawson and Tracey Hawkins. New 2nd's Emma Holmes, Debbie Gatley and Leonne Amond. Congratulations. Some hard work has to be done before they actually get their stripes, however. We have also had a senior guides training and made lots of plans for patrol activities.

We wish every one a happy New Year in this special year for us when the Movement is 75 years old. We would love to hear from any former guides ! There must be lots of you out there - we'd love to talk to you .

MAGGIE RAMPLEY

DEDDINGTON BROWNIES

The Brownies took part in the Remembrance Day Parade. The Sale of Work at The Old Post House in December raised £50 for the Windmill Community Building Fund. The new term commenced with four new Brownies, Helen Rose, Joanna Soddy, Sophie Beckett and Alexandra Walsh.

We would be very grateful to receive old newspapers as we are collecting them for the Health Care Project in Sri Lanka.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Gaunt has had to retire as Snowy Owl but she has donated a large wooden toadstool to replace the old one which was falling apart! It was made by George Fenemore and will be very useful during the Brownie Promise Ceremony when many hands are usually needed to hold the badges, matches and papers.

DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

You may think ~~that with the recent cold weather the Cricket~~ Club are in a state of hibernation; well, Slogger Beale aside, this is not so. I have reports that some members are very active.
The Blackburns, for example, have been seen taking exercise; they regularly walk the 104 paces from home to a local hostelry where they do vigorous arm-raising exercises before eventually taking 130 staggering paces home. Our Captain, John Stiff, in the far-flung community at Clifton is reported to be writing his speech for next October's Dinner; he is determined to add to the Captaincy and Clubman of the Year by taking Young Player of the Year. Chairman, Bill Drake, has been jogging on the spot, or rather treading Apples, Elderberries, Rhubarb and Plums. No one is sure exactly how much he has produced, but I am told that in World Wine Production the order now reads (1) Italy, (2) France (3) Bill Drake, with Spain down to fourth position. The good news is that 40 gallons are earmarked for the Committee.

Our ladies, Brenda, Jill, Sue and Terry, have been away on a Cordon-Bleu Cookery Course at that Oxford Centre of Internation Cuisine, Blackbird Leys, where they have learnt how to make from 1 oz of cheese 22 rounds of sandwiches and from one tea-bag 22 cups of tea.

We held a "Race Evening" on 1st December at the British Legion. Our thanks to the Committee for allowing us there and to John and Sue Willimot for running the soft drinks bar. I gather it was a successful evening and that we made a handsome profit. Incidentally, subscriptions are now due : £3 for Old'uns, £1 for Young'uns.

Finally, on behalf of the Cricket Club may I wish all Deddington News Readers a very happy 1985. May you and the Cricket Club score in all you do !

TERRY CLINCH

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Saturday afternoons have seen little in the way of match action owing to the bad weather, but the wintry conditions have meant business as usual for the Club's hardy breed of pools collectors. Every Thursday evening, winter and summer, they walk the streets of Deddington (and Clifton and Hempton). With around 150 - 200 calls to make we rely very heavily on these helpers whose efforts bring us a small but steady income to assist in running the club: people like Paul Cox, John Spencer and Les Burton; players like Richard Cowley, Tony Gaw and Mickey Coleman, and we owe a special thank you to veteran collector Harold Whitlock.

On the playing side there is one important match to report, the Annual Boxing Day Charity fixture between the Red Lion and Deddington British Legion. The pitch was soft after an early morning cover of frost and despite being a decidedly cool day there was an enthusiastic crowd. A notable feature was the first appearance of two lady players, Sue Willimont for the Legion and Di Keats for the Red Lion.

After some hectic early pla (the yellow card being shown as early as the second minute) the Red Lion took the lead after a quarter of an hour, when Dave Coleman headed past Bill Keys. Tommy Rogers equalised for the Legion and it stayed level until half time. After Dave Keats had again put the Red Lion ahead, two goals from Pete Symons appeared to have swung the game in favour of the Legion. In a dramatic last ten minutes all that was to change. A Tony Gaw penalty brought the scores level at 3 - 3 and, with time running out, one of the two ladies was to write her name in the annals of Deddington football. The heroine was Di Keats whose goal fittingly enough was the one which decided the game. It was a win for the Red Lion, a most enjoyable game for all concerned, and £30 was raised for the Holly Tree Club.

KEVIN BEALE

TENNIS CLUB

Although belated, a very happy new year to each and every one of you; let's hope 1985 will bring peace and prosperity to you and your families.

Believe it or not, despite the weather, winter tennis has been continuing with the faithful few turning up at the courts not only at weekends but to play weekday evenings when the light permitted. Any member wishing to join in the winter team group should contact Ann Nagele on Banbury 720150.

During 1985 we will be needing an increased level of help with the committee and general club activities, both social and playing, and a special plea for help in developing the junior aspect of the club. So please, we need YOU !

The last major social event of 1984 was the 2nd Annual Christmas Dinner and Disco held at the Holcombe on 7th December. Many thanks to Dougie Symes for the hard work and effort he put into the organising and running of the evening which was thoroughly a preciated by the strong turnout of club members and friends.

Having rounded off the year with the Christmas dinner, our first major event of 1985 is the Annual General Meeting. This is planned for Tuesday, February 26th, at the Holly Tree Club at 7.45 p.m. Amongst other items the A.G.M. will review the business and progress of the Club in 1984 as well as its plans for 1985. Furthermore, there will be the election of club officers, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Any nominations you may have may either be presented in person on the night or given to Rob Forsyth or Jill Heighway prior to the evening. Under discussion will be club membership fees and, whilst we anticipate a rise, we are hopeful that it will be no more than the rate of inflation during 1984.

Rates at present :	Family	£39	Couple	£33	Adult	£21
	Student	£15	Junior	£10	Juvenile	£5

There are still vacancies for membership and for those who are considering joining this thriving club why not come to the A.G.M., meet some of the members and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and light refreshment during the course of the evening ?

The results of the December '150' Club draw means an especially happy start to the New Year for :

1	G. HOOD	£30	No. 3
2	R. ATKINS	£20	No.50
3	D. HEYWOOD	£10	No. 1

JENNIFER GOODY

BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE

We have just heard that the BBC2 is to start showing "Blott" our Deddington film, from February 6th and following Wednesdays. I gather that "our" part of it comes much later in the story, but keep your Wednesday evenings free !

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS (DECEMBER)

December proved to be a very busy month. During the month we received 36 calls: they were 7 chimney fires, 7 calls to stand by at other stations, 5 false alarms with good intent, 5 mechanical false alarms on automatic systems, 1 malicious false alarm, 1 tractor fire, 1 lorry fire, 1 rubbish fire, 1 washing-machine on fire, 1 road traffic accident, 2 bedroom fires, 1 fire at Cherwell silos, 1 range of farm buildings on fire at Middle Barton, 1 supermarket fire at Bicester and 1 call to flooding. This brings the total number of calls in 1984 to 226.

The last call listed above to flooding proved to be quite a problem. We received the call at 5.00 pm during a torrential downpour. On arrival at the station we were told to proceed to flooding in the cellar at 5 Castle St., Deddington. We booked in attendance at the address at 5.10 pm to find 18" - 2' of water in the cellar and it was still rising. Not only was the water in no. 5 but also in nos. 3-4-6 as well were linked by a drainage channel which took all the water to a drain in no.5 With the aid of a special pump we proceeded to pump out the water. When we had emptied the cellar we stopped the pump, but as soon as this was done the water flowed back out of the drain and into the cellar and so the pumping continued, not only inside but from the outside drains as well and it was not until we had lowered the water level in these drains that the water stopped flowing into the cellar. We eventually left the scene at 10.10 pm Many thanks to Maureen for all the cups of tea and cake etc. which kept us going, because, being called out at that time meant we had not had our evening meal. Had it not been for Maureen's hospitality there would have been six very hungry, thirsty firemen.

FIRE CALLS (JANUARY)

1985 has started off quite busy, until and including the 21st Jan. we have received 16 calls - 4 chimney fires, 1 lorry fire, 1 bedroom fire, 1 waste bin fire, 1 mechanical false alarm, 1 malicious false alarm, 2 road traffic accidents and 5 calls to stand by at Banbury Fire Station.

ROAD SAFETY I am constantly amazed at the number of children and youths who, when riding their bicycles, choose to ignore the traffic lights when crossing from Hempton Rd to Horsefair and vice-ersa. I would hate to be called out to release a child from unerneath a big articulated lorry, so, PARENTS PLEASE, inform your children that as cyclists they are road users and must obey traffic signs and signals, and not cross the main road against a red light.

A. P. HUMPHRIES

DEDDINGTON SINGERS

"An evening of enchantment" was how one resident described our pre-Christmas Concert in the library of the ancestral home of the Cartwright family at AYNHOE PARK, where in a truly magnificent setting we were privileged to sing carols and madrigals and to enjoy Robert Cheney's well chosen words about each group we performed. We were invited to retun - maybe next time in the heat of a summer's evening - and look forward to planning future musical evenings. We also had a very warm welcome at the Cheshire Home.

Details of membership will be gladly supplied by our Secretary, Sue Simmonds, Bicester 243149.

BETTY CAPORN

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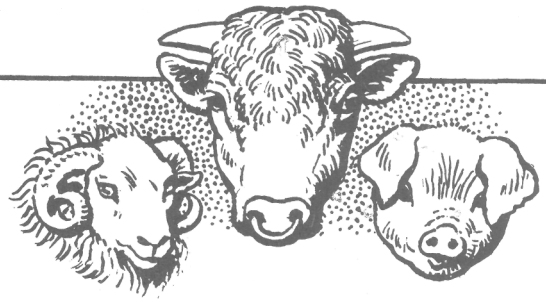

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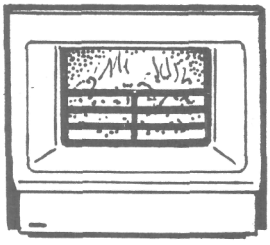

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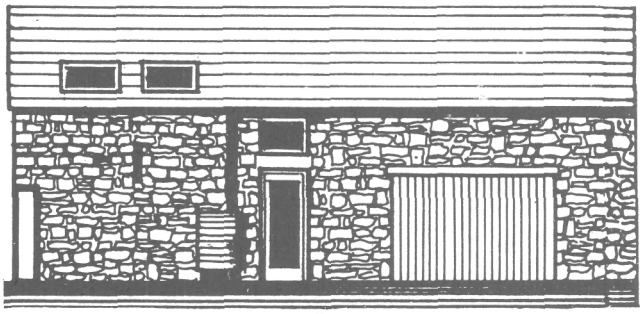

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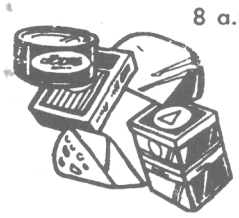

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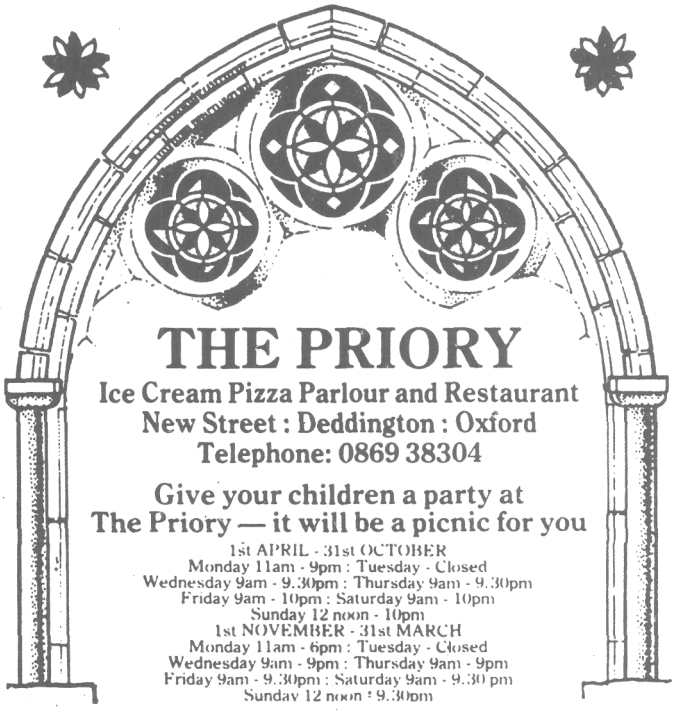

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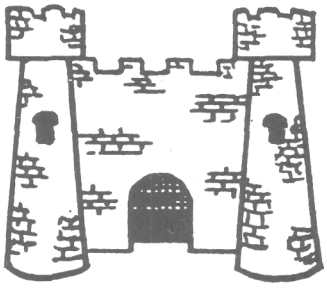

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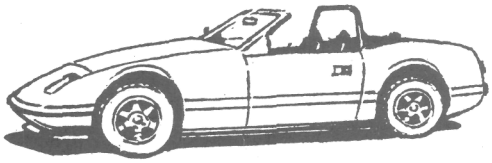

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